tickets to all stations on the line of its Road at the regular fare, the same being accepted for return passage to starting point on July fourth, fifth sixth and seventh, *without extra charge*, thus affording a round trip passage for the fare one way.

The last words of the Baroness Rothschild, who recently died in London, were: "Remember the poor." This lady was the widow of the great Jewish financeer, Baron Lionel Rothschild. She was, notwithstanding her great wealth and surroundings a friend to the poor. Free schools, free kitchens, free hospitals were her hobbies. She gave largely. Her example and last advice may be followed with profit by all of us.

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the meeting of the National Teachers' association at Madison, Wis., from July 15th to 18th, 1884, the B. & O. R. R. Co. will sell round trip tickets from all principal stations on its Trans-Ohio Divisions, to Madison, Wis., and return, at low excursion rates. These tickets will be good going from July 4th to 18th, inclusive, and will be good returning until Sept. 1st, 1884.

The *Bruderbote* for July, is at hand. From it we learn that the "Minutes" are not to be printed in the German language this year. What will the German brethren do for a rule to their churches? Will they take the Gospel alone? If the Gospel alone is sufficient to govern the German churches, why should not the English Gospel answer the same purpose to the English churches? We hope it it not wicked to ask these questions.

From July 3rd to 9th, the B. & O. R. R. Co. will sell round trip tickets to Chicago, at low excursion rates, good returning until July 18th, inclusive. Remember that the B. & O. is the only line landing passengers at the Exposition building, where the convention will be held, and near the principal hotels. Three through fast express trains daily. B. & O. palace sleeping cars on all trains. For further information as to rates, sleeping car accommodations, &c., call upon or address agents B. & O. R. R.

The coronation of Queen Ranavalona, III, of Madagascar, is announced in some of our exchanges, as being a great victory for Christianty. We are told that during the ceremony she stood by a small table on which was a large Bible. She concluded her address by declaring she only recognized Jehovah as her God. Upon him she also rested her kingdom. This indeed is a great revolution, when we consider that but a few years ago this was an idolatrous country. And that Christian missionaries were martyred there.

Two men lately lay down to rest on the edge of a Niagara precipice. They both fell asleep, and when one of them awoke his companion was no longer there. He had fallen during his sleep into the depths below, and his body was taken up a mangled corpse. An exchange commenting on this says that in a spiritual sense this is a daily occurrence. Alas, too true! Men and women sleep on the terrible precipice of sin and are hurled every hour into the depths of eternal despair. And the most extraordinary part of it is that their impenitent companions sleep on.

A novel way of advertizing was recently brought to light. A man was having his body tatooed for the purpose of renting himself to some of the shows for exhibition. While he was undergoing the process an idea struck him that he might be able to earn a little more by letting certain portions of his body for advertising. Acting on this thought he wrote to a firm of tobacco dealers that he was willing to let half of his back for an advertisement of their tobacco. The idea of a man so letting out his body to advertize tobacco is utterly repulsive and shows how low some men will stoop to get money.

There is now a new divorce law in full force in France that is arousing considerable comment. It provides a very easy way to obtain divorces. This kind of thing seems to be popular in these days, in every land, and is becoming more so every year. It is a fearful sign of the times that the divinely appointed ordinance of marriage is so lightly respected. France takes the lead of all civilized nations in the matter of shameless immorality. We need not be so much surprised at this, when we consider the fact that at the last census, no less than seven and a half millions registered themselves as having no religion.

A misplaced buoy caused the wreck of the steamer, City of Portland, last month. The vessel and cargo were a total loss. The night was clear. The captain plainly saw a stripped buoy which indicated the presence of a sunken rock. They steered accordingly, and the very rock they were seeking to avoid, they struck and was the ruin of the ship. The buoy which was put there as a means of safety, was, by its displacement, the cause of disaster. Now in a spiritual sense, that will be our fate, if we follow every little change that is taking place around us. Men are changing the doctrines of God. They are drifting, and if we are not careful the very thing we are trying to avoid, we will encounter.

"I have learned that if one would convert or convict he must get down from his stilts. In my practice if I have an adverse witness who knows that which I would bring out in evidence, I am careful to say nothing that would tend to irritate or make him believe that I was going to compel him to acknowledge a truth; for should I do this, his mouth is sealed, and if he be a witness of ordinary intelligence, I could examine and cross-examine for hours without being able to obtain that which a kind word would have obtained in a few moments." These are the words of a successful man of the world, and when reading it, the logic seemed good enough for us to heed, who would win the hearts of men for servants of the Lord.

The Brethren at Lanark, Illinois, have our sympathies. Some of them had hoped that division of the fraternal ties which bound them together as a congregation would not need to be ruptured, but all in vain. It had to come. And now that it has come we hope they will lose no more time in inactivity. Too much has already been wasted. Some of the members have been almost lost to Christianity through the season of controversy and confusion. They should now have immediate comfort afforded them. This can best be found in God's pure word. Hence the quicker an organization can be be formed on the gospel alone, the sooner will they be in a hopeful and progressive condition. "Go forward," is the watchword of the hour.

The July number of *The Pulpit Treasury* will be welcomed by preachers of all denominations who love good expositions and sound doctrine. *The Southern Pulpit*, of Richmond, Va., a magazine in its fourth year, has combined its talent, interests and efforts with those of the *Treasury*, and the union, as shown in this number, insures a grand success.

Dr. Moses D. Hoge furnishes the first sermon, and with it is presented the portrait of this distinguished preacher, also a sketch of his life and a view of his church, "Conduct and Doctrine," by D. A. Brooks, and a SUMMER SERVICE on "Christ and the Lilies," by Rev. A. J. Griffith, are sermons in ful! and are both timely and suggestive.

The Leading Thoughts of Sermons are by Prof. F. L. Patton, Dr. Witherspoon, Rev. J. T. Daves, Dr. R. H. Rivers, Dr. Philip Brooks and Bishop Cheney. "Darwinism not Proven, by Rev. W. F. Cratts; "The Alleged Progress in Theology," by Dr. D. Clarke; "The Graduating Address," by Prof. Riddle, are worthy of careful study. Other notable articles are Drs. J. Hall, A. E. Kittredge, J. A. Broadus, J. L. Porter, C. F. Deems, W. Johnston, O. W. Willets, H. Bonar, J. H. Meek and Bishop Mallalieu. Every department is overflowing with the best thoughts of eminent writers.

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Last month nine hundred Chinamen were present at the Broadway tabernacle, New York, at the anniversary of the Chinese Sunday school Union. They sang and talked and prayed in Chinese and English. And as a concluding hymn "Ye-soo tsun nang che ming Kung he," or "All hail the power of Jesus' name," was sung. This is a great era in the history of missionary enterprise. We hear of nearly every other Christian denomination sending missionaries to the ends of the world, while those who boastingly call themselves "the church," confine the labors to a few of the rural districts of this land, and one poor little half-starved mission post in Denmark. Yet this same religious body claim they are the wealthiest denomination in existence for their number. A very great wrong there is somewhere.

A church examining committee received a rebuke from a candidate for church membership in New England. The candidate was considered somewhat below the average in mental capacity. The examination was something like this: "Do you understand the doctrine of the Trinity?" "No, I can't say I do." "Can you give the committee a definition of regeneration?" "I don't think I can." "Can't you give us some opinion respecting God's decrees?" "I'm afraid not." "Well then," said the examiner, a little impatiently, "what *do* you know?" The answer came promptly, "I know that I'm a sinner, and I know Christ died to save me. And I want the church to become better." There are many people who could answer all such questions readily enough, and yet after all did not know as much as this man.

The Bible is being rapidly translated into every known language of men. Countries and tribes of Africa that a few years ago were in the grossest spiritual darkness and were numbered among the barbarous nations of the earth are now having the Bible given to them in their own language. The rapid strides these tribes are making in civilization, morality and no doubt Christianity, speaks well for the zeal of those who are engaged in this noble work. If this is a sample of the kind of work which is performed by what narrow-minded Christianity will call the "world," and against which in times past we were warned, it would be a good thing if we were occupied in the same kind of "worldly" work. This is the kind of work that broadens one's Christianity, and it would be a sure cure for selfishness and fault-finding.

Brother John H. Knepper and family passed Ashland last Thursday morning, on their return from a short flitting to Kansas and Nebraska. They did not like it out West and so they came back again; that's all. Suppose it's a free country, and one can live where he likes it best, as long as they behave themselves. Nebraska is a nice country, and a good country, and there's nice people there, and all that, but—but—but—well Johnnie got home sick, we presume and so they went back. The blame seems to rest mostly upon him, but there are flying rumors that even sister Knepper gave vent to an occasional sigh for the land of her nativity, behind the door, as it were. Well, we wish them a happy visit to old Somerset county, and then we hope they will come to Ashland, take charge of the Boarding Hall and settle down to business. We accompanied them from Ashland to Youngstown, and so had a nice interview.

Some of our cities are making a desperate attempt to cancel Sunday from the calendar as a holy and a church going day, to a day devoted to all kinds of pleasure. Chicago seems to take the lead in this desecration of the Sabbath. Nearly every theatre in the city is now in full blast on Sunday. So profitable is it to some of them that they have two performances on that day. Base-ball exhibitions on this day were introduced with this season, and now they are quite common. But the worst feature of all is that the Chicago Driving Park has formally decided to inaugurate Sunday racing. A formal appeal has been made to the Mayor, but that official has given no sign that he will interfere in any way. Now the question is what should be done to stay the evil? It is an awful thing to contemplate that our young people are going to be trained to disrespect the Sabbath of their fathers in such a way. May the Lord help us to solve the problem to his glory.

The evil of stock and grain gambling, and the desperate manner in which men will try to recover their losses, was revealed in a very forcible manner, very lately, by Isaac A. Stanly, of Cleveland, Ohio. This man was Paying Teller of a prominent bank, and was placed in jail for embezzling $100,000. When asked to explain the shrinkage, he confessed that a year ago he was troubled about a debt of $800 on his house, and he thought he could take that amount, speculate in grain, realize a profit, pay off the mortgage, and return the money. But the speculation was a failure, and in his effort to recover the first investment, he embezzled and lost $100,000. What a warning for those who may be tempted in the same way! Everything at the commencement looked so easy and promising, that there hardly dawned upon the mind of the man any idea of embezzling. If he could have seen the consequences of his first act, he would have turned from it with loathing. Let us pray God to keep us from the first step in the down grade to ruin.

Some Southern journals report that a colored man is creating quite an excitement in Georgia by proclaiming himself the Messiah. The colored people of Madison, Jackson and the neghboring counties are very much worked up by one of their own race coming in this way. The man goes about preaching and declares he will soon appear on a white horse as the hope of Israel, and lead his followers into "the promised land." Of course he has found some who believe in him and follow him. It is declared that these poor dupes worship him as the veritable Christ. He also exhibits scars in his hands and feet and spear wounds in his side. This has been accomplished by some instrument to imitate the marks of nails. One who has visited the haunts of the poor demented fanatic says that he forgives the sins of all those around him. It is strange how many false Messiahs appear in these days. Another one has made his appearance in Egypt. Against these we have been warned. We need not look for the Master again in this way. When he comes again he will come in a different way.

A party of ladies and gentlemen lately visited Avon Springs, N. Y. One of the ladies was notted for her beautiful complexion. As they sat around the spring drinking the waters, her face was seen to undergo a remarkable change. It assumed a very mottled appearance. Large patches of an ugly color appeared on her face, which was in contrast with her usual fair complexion. Her friends became alarmed, and although she insisted there was nothing the matter with her, they sent for a physician. On his arrival, the phenomenon was soon explained. It seems the young lady, to deceive her fellow creatures and cheat nature had been in the habit of applying some kind of a silly, nonsensical preparation to make herself appear more beautiful. Now the air, impregnated with the sulphur of the springs had changed the effects of its ingredients, thus producing the disfigurement. We hope the incident taught her a good healthy lesson. It would be a good thing if the air would be charged with sulphur occasionally, and expose the coating of idiotic vanity with which so many of the young ladies are covered. It would do them good.

The Salvation Army is having its ups and downs too. The manner in which they parade the streets and create disturbances and excitement in the public thoroughfares has brought the authorities down on them. They have been frequently arrested and fined in England. In Buffalo, N. Y., they paraded lately, contrary to the order of the authorities. Thirteen were arrested. Seven, including the minister. were sent to the workhouse for twenty days, and the other six, all servant girls, were find $5, or ten days in jail. Only one paid the fine. Prayers were commanded to be offerred up for the "martyrs". The leaders say they will continue to parade. The authorities say it is a violation of law, and they will be arrested. How long will this people be finding out that Christianity does not consist of beating drums and parading streets. If they would give the Sabbath school lesson entitled "Obedience to law," a wholesome study, we think they would be benefitted temporarily as well as spiritually. We notice that General Booth, the head of this band of fanatics, is now treating for the purchase of a mansion and estate in Wales, for a family residence. This fact speaks volumes for the reason of their deluding the poor, ignorant working people.

Balsbaugh's article should be reviewed. We trust however that the perception of our readers will detect all the dangerous errors it contains. We desire to take all the good from his writings that they afford, and they are not entirely barren or we should not insert his articles at all, but it is a question in our mind whether the piece in this issue will be worth its space. We appreciate a good hit well made, even if it goes against us, but we despise insinuations and wilful misapplications. He should be the the last man to talk about "stabbing and trampling" brethren. Nothing so sarcastic, vindictive or bantering has appeared in our paper for a year, and if it were possible to get the article before German Baptist readers we would hew it to pieces. If brother Balsbaugh wishes to heal wounds let him pour ointment, instead of slinging hurtful missiles. With us he can do good in no other way. We have been sufficiently wounded. We have been on the rack of ecclesiastical tyranny; our backs have been sorely lacerated by scourges ordered by the councils of the elders; we have been cast out of the church and left for dead, and now when our friends have picked us up, and, Samaritan like, have placed us upon our feet again, here come our tormentors, and under the guise of friendship have gained admittance into our home and straightway proceeded to their accustomed castigations. Alas; is there no mercy?

If he wishes to avert devastation and suffering let him labor to restrain the wolves who are scattering the flocks, instead of harrassing the wounded lambs who are crouching within the folds to which they have fled for refuge.

Dear brother Henry; Please enclosed find one dollar for one additional subscriber for the balance of the year. I think the paper is just what it ought to be; except the tobacco stories. We around Salemville and New Enterprise could do very well without them.

DANIEL KAGARICE.

Thanks for the helping hand, brother Kagarice, and also for the good word. We are glad that the Brethren about Salemville and New Enterprise have no need of lectures against tobacco using; but it is not so everywhere, you see. We are sorry to know that at some places brethren, and even some of the ministers, and just as bad at some places the sisters are addicted to this useless and offensive habit. And so you see, for their sakes we must keep up the agitation, until we get them all to quit. None of the Brethren ought to use tobacco in any form. It is not progressive. It is an old order, and a very ugly one at that. It comes from the indians and other idle, lazy nations. It doesn't become a nice, clean, well dressed man or women to chew or smoke. Just think of it, brethren and sisters, how would it look to see a fine looking, clean lady with a pipe in her mouth! We would all shudder at the idea. We do not think that a nice clean man has any more right to act naughty, and polute the air around him than the women have. And then you know we practice the salutation of the kiss, and hence we should try to make ourselves as agreeable and loving and loveable to each other as we possibly can, so that it may be a kiss of love indeed. There are many other reasons why progressives should not use tobacco. The money spent for tobacco and foolish and superfluous dressing would help to support the poor ministers, to build meeting houses, furnish them with hymn books, and many other useful things.

Now this is not intended for the Brethren at Salemville or New Enterprise, if they don't need it, but only for those who still cling to the old ways with conservative tenacity. Hope they will take the matter seriously to heart.—HENRY.